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Inspire the Next Generation: Take Our Children to Work Day -- April 24



Chemistry Lab



Robotics

Photos by Keith Koehler

Black History Club Presents Award



Photo by Larry Duffy

At the recent Black History Club banquet, David Smith, GHG, President of the BHC, presented Latasha Reid (right) with this year's Annual Academic Achievement Award.

Reid is a student at Delaware State University.



Range Control Center

Aviation Safety Superstar Awards



Photo by Terry Potterton

John Campbell, (center) NASA Suborbital and Special Orbital Projects Directorate, presented Steve Spears (left) and Dave Easmunt of Dyncorp a CSC Co. (DCSC) with the quarterly Aviation Safety Superstar award for their outstanding contributions to the safe and successful completion of the recent JAC (Japan, Alaska, and Colorado) airborne science project flown aboard the NASA P-3B aircraft.

The JAC mission will help scientists better understand data received from NASA's Earth Observation System (EOS) Aqua satellite, launched in May of 2002.

Wallops Shorts.....

In the News

Eastern Shore Post

"Wallops Workers Will Take Along Their Children Tomorrow"

Eastern Shore News

"SEMAA Inspires Students to be Space Explorers"

Eastern Shore News

"Wallops Flight Facility to Host 'Take Our Children to Work Day'"

On the Road

Dwayne R. Morgan, NASA Wallops System Software Engineering Branch, introduced the main speaker, Pastor Steve Riggle, for the 28th Annual Salisbury Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, held on April 22. Pastor Riggle shared the life stories of Space Shuttle Columbia's Commander Rick Husband and Payload Specialist, Michael Anderson. Both astronauts were members of Riggle's congregation.

High-Powered Rocketry



Photo by Berit Bland.

Pennsylvania State University students in the Student Run Rocket Program launched a 7 foot, high-powered rocket on April 25 from the Wallops Main Base, Runway 35. The rocket reached an altitude of 1,300 feet.

Lightning A Safety Reminder



Photo by Ed Sudendorf

A recent lightning strike (above) to the Wallops Airport, Runway 10 caused minor damage. Employees also are reminded not to walk on the airport runways or taxiways.

With the approaching warmer weather and increase in outside activities, be reminded that lightning is the most dangerous and frequently encountered weather hazard that most of us experience.

In the United States, an average of 73 people are killed each year by lightning. That's more than the annual number of people killed by tornadoes or hurricanes. Many more are struck but survive.

Thunderstorms are most likely to develop on warm summer days and go through various stages of growth, development and dissipation. Lightning can strike as much as 10 miles away from the rain area in a thunderstorm. That's about the distance you can hear thunder. When a storm is 10 miles away, it may even be difficult to tell a storm is coming.

Use the 30 second rule where visibility is good and there is nothing obstructing your view of the thunderstorm. When you see lightning, count the time until you hear thunder. If that time is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within 6 miles of you and is dangerous. Seek shelter immediately.

Pool League

The spring 8-ball pool league session will begin May 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Rocket Club.

All are welcome and new players are needed! Teams will be formed and the first round played.

After registration, the names of all players returning from the winter league will be placed in a hat and two drawings will be held for \$100 each.

For more information, call Alex Coleman, WEMA Morale Activities Chairperson on x1976.

Give the Gift of Life American Red Cross Blood Drive

May 13
Building F-3
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The need for blood donations is very great at this time. Our Red Cross representatives are part of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Blood Services. This group relies heavily on the military for donations and resources are down due to the number of service people being deployed overseas.

Remember:
Each donation could possibly save 3-4 lives

Each donation produces 7 different blood products

-- Any healthy person at least 17 years of age, with a minimum weight of 110 lbs can donate every 8 weeks.

-- The process of giving blood is always under the supervision of an American Red Cross Medical Unit Supervisor.

-- The procedure includes a medical check, actual donation and some time for relaxation and refreshments.

-- The actual blood collection takes approximately 10-20 minutes.

-- The entire process, from when you sign in to the time you leave, takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour.

-- Be sure to get sufficient rest the night before and eat a well balanced breakfast and lunch the day you donate.

T-shirts and hats will be available to all donors. To schedule an appointment, call the Health Unit at x1766.

Centennial of Flight Milestone

55 years ago on May 3, 1948, Howard Lilly became the first NACA test pilot to die in the line of duty – in a Douglas D-558-1.

National Day of Prayer

**Will be observed at noon on
May 1 at the Flag Court**

**Speaker:
Joelle Gross
Radio Station WOLC**

**If it rains the event will take
place in the front room of
Building E-2, Cafeteria.**

Steak Dinner Rocket Club May 16 6 p.m.

Steak Cooked to Order
Salad
Baked Potato
Rolls and Butter
Dessert
Iced Tea
\$15. per person



Tickets may be purchased from Sandy Gunter in the Rocket Club, Bldg. F-3, or from Karen Thornes in the Wallops Exchange, Bldg. E-2.

Employee Assistance Program

Lunch & Learn
April 29
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Williamsburg Room

The subject for the Employee Assistance Program's (EAP) monthly Lunch & Learn is Mind/Body Wellness. Tom Northern will discuss the integration of physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs. GOAL: To strengthen natural healing ability.

NASA Federal Credit Union

Open House -- May 1
at the new High Tech Branch Office
in the Oak Hall Marketplace

Stop by for an introduction to the new system, food, fun and door prizes. The grand prize is a VIP vacation package.

NASA Retirees Die

Colleen Burkhead Walker
Parksley, Va., died on April 16 in Shore Memorial Hospital, Nassawadox, Va. Walker is survived by her husband Ronald; a daughter Gay Walker Mears; two grandsons and a great-grandson. Funeral services were conducted by Williams-Parksley Funeral Home with interment in Parksley Cemetery.

Harry William Phipps
Chincoteague, Va., died on April 17 in Heritage Hall, Nassawadox, Va. Phipps is survived by his wife, Jeanette White Phipps. Funeral services were conducted by Salyer Funeral Home, Chincoteague with interment in the John W. Taylor Cemetery in Temperanceville.

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